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Subject: Planned use of the Child Care and Development (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds Report

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

N/A at this time. However, our facility would like to learn more about how we can begin this process due to the increased financial restraints the pandemic has created for the parents that utilize the childcare services.

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

The Facility of the Chippewa Cree Tribe CCDF program will provide the program administration and providers with technical assistance, education, and training related to policies and practices of how to safely operate the facility during the pandemic. We planned to utilize opportunities offered by the Montana Early Care and Education Knowledge Base. We are also planning to look more into trainings that will help the providers work with the children on mental health related issues. As we have all seen, the pandemic has created an increase in mental health issues, and we want to ensure that the providers in our faculty are trained in these areas to work with our current children.

Grants or Assistance to Stabilize Child Care Providers

N/A

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

N/A

Other:

The Chippewa Cree Tribal CCDF program will use some of the CRRSA funds to provide small renovations to the current facility. One of the renovations will be to replace the current flooring

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with updated flooring that will be easier to clean and sanitize, such as a laminate type flooring. The current pandemic has increased the need to sanitize flooring frequently throughout the day for the health and safety of children and staff. Another minor renovation planned is to have an electrician come into the facility and upgrade the current breaker system/electrical switchboard to uphold the increased need of electrical outlets for sanitation, purification, and storage. We also plan to look for a company to come to the facility that specializes in sanitation at least twice per month to disinfect all areas of the facility. This facility will use the funds to purchase any other supplies related to the increase of demands due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Lastly, the Chippewa Cree Tribal CCDF program plans to submit an application for approval to use some of these funds to purchase a modular to place on a permanent foundation, along with the supplies needed to furnish this new building. With this second building we would be able to separate the children by age and would create more space for distancing the providers and children in the program. This would further ensure the health and safety of the children, parents, and providers of program and follow the CDC guidelines of social distancing.

This is the plan for the Chippewa Cree Tribal CCDF program located on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation. If you have any further questions or need any further clarification please feel free to contact me at mjilot@stonechild.edu.

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